

Polio this week as of 24 February

Country or territory ³	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases							
	Full year total					1 Jan-23 Feb ¹		Date of most recent case
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020	2021	
Pakistan	20	8	12	147	84	17	1	27-Jan-21
Afghanistan	13	14	21	29	56	0	1	01-Jan-21
Nigeria ³	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	21-Aug-16
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total (Type1)	37	22	33	176	140	17	2	
Tot. in endemic countries	37	22	33	176	140	17	0	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	3	2	2	2	2	2	0	
No. of countries (endemic)	2 ³	2 ³	3	3	3	2	0	
Total Female	13	7	18	72	61	8		
Total Male	24	15	15	104	79	9	2	
Countries in yellow are endemic. ¹ Data reported to WHO HQ on 24 Feb. 2020 for 2020 data and 23 Feb								

New wild poliovirus isolates reported this week:

AFP cases: 1

Environment: 6

Others: 0

New cVDPV isolates reported this week:

AFP cases 18

Environment: 7

Others: 4

Headlines:

- As we head towards International Women's Day (marked on 8 March), [GPEI honours two women](#) who left a mark in polio eradication and in women's empowerment within the U.N.

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- On 15 February, polio eradication **[Gender Champion](#)** Arancha González Laya, Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain, visited the Notre Dame des Apôtres hospital in N'Djamena, Chad where she administered polio drops to two newborn children. **[Read more...](#)**
 - **[In a special interview](#)**, PolioNews (PN) talks to Holger Knaack (HK), President of Rotary International, about why it is more important than ever to support PolioPlus, Rotary's polio eradication program, and what lessons it can offer to the global pandemic response.

[Afghanistan:](#)

- **No wild poliovirus type 1 cases were reported this week.** There is one case reported in 2021. while the total number of 2020 cases remain 56.
- Six cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported; one each in Zabul, Kandahar, Ghazni and Badghis and two in Farah making them the first of 2021. The total number of 2020 cases remain 305.

[Pakistan:](#)

- **One wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in Balochistan making it the first of 2021.** The total number of 2020 cases remain 84.
- Six WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported; two each in Sindh and Balochistan and one each in Punjab and Islamabad.
- Two cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported; one each in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtoon bringing the 2021 case count to three. The number of 2020 cases remain 135.
- Five cVDPV2 positive environmental samples were reported; two in Sindh and one each in Balochistan, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtoon.

[Officially reported WPV cases as of 9 February](#)

Total global WPV1 cases in 2021: 2 (compared with 12 for the same period in 2020)

Total global WPV1 cases in 2020: 140

[Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus \(cVDPV\) cases](#)

Total global cVDPV cases in 2021: 9 (compared with 6 for the same period in 2020)

Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 1048

